

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Present: Stephen K. Hess, Chair
 Ernest A. Heller, Vice-Chair
 M. Shane Canfield, Commission Member
 Christopher D. Glass, Sr., Commission Member
 Deborah L. Lundahl, Commission Member
 Alan Shapiro, Commission Member
 Rev. Douglas P. Jones, Alternate Commission Member
 Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Deidre R. Davidson, Commission Member

The Frederick County Ethics Commission meeting started at 7:00 p.m. on March 13, 2019, in the Winchester Room on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Approval of the minutes – The draft minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting were emailed to the members before the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Heller made a motion to approve the minutes. Rev. Jones seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Vote to conduct an administrative function meeting – The Commission discussed the need to have an administration function meeting to consider a request for an advisory opinion and guidance regarding a fund-raising campaign.

MOTION: Ms. Lundahl made a motion to hold an administrative function meeting to discuss the request for an advisory opinion and guidance. Rev. Jones seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Required information regarding the administrative function meeting – The Commission began its administrative function meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m. on March 13, 2019, in the Winchester Room on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701. All of the Commission members and the Alternate Member were present, except for Ms. Davidson. Ms. Thall was also present. The Commission members discussed a request for an advisory opinion and guidance on how the Ethics Law applies to a fund-raising campaign and whether the Ethics Commission should grant an exemption for certain types of gifts under § 1-7.1-5(I)(5)(f). The members directed that an advisory opinion be prepared.

The Commission resumed its public meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

Adjournment

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

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Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney